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SHORT CATECHISM

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Question. *CAN* you tell me who made you?

Answer. Yes; God made me and all men.

Q. *What* did God make you and all men for?

A. He made us to be good and happy.

Q. *What* is it to be good?

A. To be good is—to love our Parents, and obey our Teachers; to speak the Truth always, and to be just and kind to all persons.

Q. *Can* God know, whether you be good or not?

A. Yes; because He sees us where-ever we are, by night as well as by day.

Q. *What* will God do for you, if you be good?

A. If we be good, God will love us and make us happy.

Q. *What* will God do, if you be not good?

A. If we be not good, God will be angry with us and punish us.



Q. When will God punish you, if you be not good.

A. Both whilst we live here, and after we are dead.

Q. How can you be punished, after you are dead?

A. Because God will raise us from the dead, and we shall live again.

Q. Where will you live again, if you have been good?

A. We shall go to Heaven, and be happy for ever.

Q. Where will you live again, if you have been wicked?

A. We shall go to Hell, and be in misery and torment.

Q. What must you do, in order to be good?

A. We must pray to God for His grace and assistance.

Q. Will God give you His assistance, if you pray for it?

A. Yes; He has promised to give us every thing we pray for, that is good for us.

Q. By what means does God assist you to be good?

A. By means of His Holy Spirit.

Q. In what manner does the Holy Spirit assist you?

A. The Holy Spirit disposes us to do what we ought, and enables us to do it.

Q. Have you always been good?

A. No; I and all Men have often sinned and done wrong.

Q. Are you not afraid that God will be angry with you, and punish you for doing wrong ?

A. Yes ; but He has promised to forgive us, through the merits of Jesus Christ—if we be sorry for our sins, and endeavour to sin no more.

Q. Who was Jesus Christ ?

A. The Son of God.

Q. Did Jesus Christ ever live in this world ?

A. Yes ; He came into the world to save mankind.

Q. In what respect did Jesus Christ save mankind ?

A. By turning them from their iniquities, and redeeming them from the punishment due to their sins.

Q. Where do you learn your duty, as it was taught by Jesus Christ ?

A. In the Holy Scriptures ; and especially in the New Testament, which contains the history of Jesus Christ, and the doctrines He taught.

Q. What death did Jesus Christ die ?

A. He was crucified by wicked Men.

Q. Is Jesus Christ dead now ?

A. No ; God raised Him from the dead, and He is now in Heaven.

Q. Does Jesus Christ do any thing for you, now He is in Heaven ?

A. Yes ; He is the Mediator between God and Man.

Q. What does Jesus Christ do for you, as your Mediator?

A. He intreats God to accept our prayers, and to be kind and merciful to us.

Q. Will Jesus Christ ever come again from Heaven?

A. Yes; He will come again at the end of the world?

Q. For what purpose will Jesus Christ come at the end of the world?

A. To judge mankind, accordingly as they have been good or wicked.

Q. What difference will Jesus Christ make between the good and the wicked at the end of the world?

A. He will send the wicked to a place of punishment, and take the good along with him to a place of happiness.



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